

for the future and put a stop to the need of this nation preparing its own strength for its own defense. Many of the adherents of this idea grandiloquently assert that they intend to supplant nationalism by internationalism.

"In deciding upon proposals of this nature it behooves our people to remember that competitive rhetoric is a poor substitute for the habit of resolutely looking facts in the face. To substitute internationalism for nationalism means to do away with patriotism, and is as vicious and as profoundly demoralizing as to put promiscuous devotion to all other persons in the place of steadfast devotion to a man's own family. Either effort means the atrophy of robust morality. The man who loves other countries as much as his own stands on a level with the man who loves other women as much as he loves his own wife. One is as worthless a creature as the other."

The last formal utterance of his life on any public question was in an editorial article for the Kansas City *Star* which he dictated to his secretary on January 5, 1919, the day before his death. In this, which I reproduce in full in recognition of its historic value, he stated his attitude so clearly that no intelligent person can misunderstand it:

¹ ' It is of course a serious misfortune that President Wilson through Mr. Creel's misinformation bureau and the control exercised over the correspondents, should prevent our people from getting a clear idea of what is happen-

ing on the other side. For the moment the
point as to
which we are foggy is the League of Nations.
We all of us
earnestly desire such a League, only we wish
to be sure
that it will help and not hinder the cause of
world peace
and justice. There isn't a young man in this
country who
has fought, or an old man who has seen those
dear to him
fight, who does not wish to minimize the
chance of future
war. But there isn 't a man of sense who does
not know that
in any such movement if too much is
attempted the result
is either failure or worse than failure. -

' ' The trouble with Mr. Wilson's utterances,
so far as they